Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Harry Snyder Petersen was born on February 11, 1918, to O. C. and Ione Petersen at Gregory, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Harry married Helen O'Neill on June 2, 1945, and to that union four children were born, Jill, Joan, Harry, and John, who have blessed their lives by adding three grandchildren to the family; and,

Whereas, Harry served during the WWII from 1942 to 1946, and remained a reserve officer in the Army Air Corps. He served during the Korean conflict at the Rapid City Air Base as Adjutant to General Richard Ellsworth and then transferred to Okinawa; and,

Whereas, Harry's careers included working for Black Hills Power & Light, KOBH Radio, later known as KOTA Radio. He owned and operated Rockerville Gold Town, was licensed in real estate sales, and was an appraiser for the Pennington County Equalization Office when he retired at the age of 79; and,

Whereas, Harry has been active in a variety of community organizations, including Lion's Club, Chamber of Commerce, Masons, the Elks and currently plays tenor saxophone in the New Horizon's concert band, jazz band, and saxophone quartet; and,

Whereas, Harry will observe his 90th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as his friends and relatives gather to honor him and celebrate his life and the camaraderie of the day: and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a man who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim February 11, 2008, as

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in South Dakota, and I join all his friends and relatives in wishing him a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this First Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State